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SUBJ:KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: STATUS REPORT

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1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS REPORT AS OF 1200 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 27. (FYI: ELECTRIC POWER CUT OF AT LEAST TWO OR THREE HOUGT IS SCHEDULED FOR DAR ES SALAAM AT 1500 HOURS LOCAL TODAY. WE INTEND USE STAND-BY POWER GENERATOR. THEREFORE WE BELIEVE POWER CUT WILL NOT AFFECT EITHER OUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH KOGOMA OR INTERRUPT OUR TELEGRAPHIC CAPACITY.)

2. MESSENGER DISPATCHED TO REBEL CAMP (REFTEL) WITH MESSAGE FROM NONDO HAS NOT RETURNED, THOUGH NONDO OPTIMISTIC HE WILL RETURN WITH REPLY TODAY. NONDO CATEGORICALLY REFUSES TAKE FURTHER ACTION UNTIL REPLY RECEIVED, AND ALL PARTIES IN KIGOMA CONCUR THAT THERE NO ALTERNATIVE AT THIS TIME TO WAITING FOR THIS REPLY.

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3. I HAVE ENCOURAGED GROUP AT SITE TO CONSIDER URGENTLY

LAUNCHING NEW ATTEMPT AT EXCHANGE ON THEIR INITIATIVE IF
DELAY IN REPLY TO NONDO'S MESSAGE PROLONGED, IN VIEW IMPOSSIBILITY OF KNOWING FOR SURE WHETHER AND HOW LONG ZAIRIAN
MILITARY STANDDOWN IN AREA WILL LAST. HOWEVER, FACT THAT NONDO,
WHO APPARENTLY VERY CONSCIOUS HIS SUBORDINATE POSITION TO KABILA,
ADAMANT THAT HE MUST AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS SUPERIORS
GIVES PARTY AT KIGOMA LITTLE ALTERNATIVE TO WAITING FOR TIME BEING
UNTIL REPLY ARRIVES OR NONDO AGREES TO A NEW SCENARIO. IN
CONTRAST TO EARLIER SITUATIONS, WE ARE AWAITING A SPECIFIC REPLY
TO A SPECIFIC MESSAGE FROM PRP, AND ONE WE CAN ASSUME REBELS
WILL WISH TO REPLY TO PROMPTLY, RATHER THAN SEEKING TO MAKE
CONTACT GENERALLY WITH MESSAGE EMANATING FROM US.

4. WE WILL, HOWEVER, REVIEW SITUATION CONTINUALLY. CARTER

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